



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1100
Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site
Boundary Revision Act of 2007**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 25, 2007

H.R. 1100 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire 115 acres to be added to the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in North Carolina. Under the bill, the NPS could acquire that acreage, or lesser property interests such as easements, by purchase, donation, or exchange.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1100 would cost \$7 million over the next several years. We estimate that about half of that amount would be used by the NPS to acquire about 115 acres of land near the existing historic site. (Such costs could be lower if the NPS can acquire easements for some of the acreage.) The remaining funds would be used to construct and equip a visitor center and related facilities near the site. We estimate that costs to manage the additional acreage and operate new visitor facilities would be less than \$500,000 a year, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. This estimate is based on information provided by the NPS. Enacting H.R. 1100 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1100 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.